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**EVACUATION OF CHINESE NATIONALISTS FROM BURMA
(outline)**

- I Vice President Nixon told Burmese authorities last week Chinese Nationalist problem "can and must be solved." Said he thought additional American measures were feasible.
 - A. As of 30 November, 1263 persons evacuated, including 252 women and children.
 - 1. Taipei had stated 2000 troops plus several hundred dependents would be out by 1 December.
 - B. Very few arms turned in and they were mostly junk.
- II Ambassador Donovan in Bangkok has concluded evacuation is a farce.
 - A. Burmese regard it similarly but have again extended cease-fire -- to 15 December.
 - B. After that date, no plans for the remaining 10,000.
- III There are numerous indications Taipei never intended and does not now intend wholly to liquidate its forces in Burma.
 - A. American air attache in Bangkok personally observed new airstrip in Burmese territory held by Nationalists and Karen insurgents.
 - B. Latest evacuees distributed pamphlet calling on all Burmese to cooperate with allegedly indigenous "Anti-Communist United Forces of Free Peoples in Southeast Asia" which remains behind.

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Vice President Nixon told Burmese authorities last week that the Chinese Nationalist problem "can and must be" solved and that he thought "further measures by the US government are feasible." As of 30 November, only 1,268 persons, including 252 women and children had been evacuated instead of the 2,000 troops and several hundred dependents which Taipei had stated would be out by that date. Very few arms have been turned in and they were mostly junk.

Ambassador Donovan in Bangkok has concluded that the evacuation is a farce. The Burmese regard it similarly but they have once again extended their cease-fire, this time to 15 December. After this date, there are no plans for the remaining 10,000.

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There are numerous indications that Taipei never intended and does not now intend wholly to liquidate its forces in Burma. The American air attache in Bangkok has personally observed construction of an airstrip in territory held by the Nationalists and Karen insurgents in eastern Burma. A pamphlet distributed by recent evacuees calls upon all Burmese to cooperate with an allegedly indigenous "Anti-Communist United Forces of Free Peoples in Southeast Asia" which remains behind.